

The Board heard the matter in June, 1994, Sept. 1994, March, 1995 and June, 1995. The matter was scheduled to come up for hearing on 24th/25th July, 1996 but the hearing was adjourned by the Board. Further action in the matter will be taken on receipt of the Award of the Board.

Drinking Water Supply Scheme

1783. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a drinking water supply scheme is being implemented in the country in collaboration with United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the further details of the Indo-UK tie up in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). An agreement was signed by the Department of Economic Affairs with the Government of the United Kingdom on 10th September, 1991 for the Maharashtra Rural Drinking Water Supply project for an amount of pounds 16,460 million. The project envisages to provide piped water supply to the villages of Jalgaon, Dhule and Nasik districts of Maharashtra. Against the total allocation of Pounds 16,460 million, pounds 5,330 million have been disbursed so far.

(c) At present there is no tie up with the British for any other drinking water supply scheme.

Liquid Fuel Based Power Projects

1784. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government to drop some liquid fuel based power units" appearing in the 'Economic Time', New Delhi dated November 8, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the details of power projects which are to be given liquid fuel linkages and the details of the projects which were to be developed on liquid fuel now till be shelved and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number out of them are likely to be developed;

(e) the number of Memorandum of Understanding signed with different State Governments, State-wise; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). No decision has been taken to shelve any of the projects based on liquid fuels. Guidelines for allocation of liquid fuels to different proposed power projects are being prepared.

(e) and (f). As per requests for providing fuel linkage to liquid fuel based power projects received recently from the States, Memoranda of Understanding have been signed for 66 such projects envisaging a total capacity of 16,459 MW with a requirement of 21.12 million metric tonnes per annum of liquid fuel. The State-wise demand is as follows :

S.No.	State	No. of Projects	Total capacity (MW)	Total quantity of fuel required in MTPA
1.	Andhra Pradesh	28	1244.25	2.70
2.	Gujarat	1	110	0.10
3.	Karnataka	12	1935	2.64
4.	Kerala	10	3528	4.27
5.	Madhya Pradesh	8	1683.25	2.29
6.	Maharashtra	1	2450	1.04
7.	Rajasthan	1	788.5	1.10
8.	Tamil Nadu	5	4720	6.98

Power Projects in Jammu and Kashmir

1785. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NHPC has set up some power projects in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details alongwith names thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposed to set up some more power projects in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Salai Stage-I (345 MW) and Salai-II (345 MW) Hydro-electric Projects have been set up in Jammu and Kashmir by national Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) and have been commissioned in 1987 and 1993-95 respectively.

(c) and (d) The details of the projects sanctioned/ on-going in Jammu and Kashmir are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

S. No.	Project Name	Total Installed Capacity (MW)	Location (District)	Executing Agency
Central Sector				
1.	Dulhasti	390	Doda	NHPC#
2.	Uri	480	Baramullah	NHPC
State Sector				
3.	Upper Sindh-II	70	Srinagar	JKPDC*
4.	Upper Sindh-II Entrn.	35	Srinagar	JKPDC
5.	Krishanganga	330	Baramullah	JKPDC
6.	Dumkhar	4.5		JKPDC
7.	Sewa Stage-III	9	Kathua	JKPDC
8.	Chenani Stage-III	7.5	Uddhampur	JKPDC
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National Hydro-electric Power Corporation.

* Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation.

Scheme for F.P.I.

1786. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for setting up expansion and promotion of food processing industries being implemented in Karnataka under Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the progress made in regard as on September 30, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b). Under the developmental Plan Schemes being operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries during the Eighth Plan, financial assistance is provided for overall development including expansion and promotion of food processing industries in the country. A total assistance of Rs. 336.09 lakhs has been provided in respect of proposals covering fruits and vegetable processing and meat and poultry processing schemes received from the State of Karnataka during the Eighth Plan period. The projects are in the various stages of implementation.

Badarpur Thermal Power Station

1787. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Badarpur Thermal Power Station faces the prospect of closing down operation with its coal reserves directing down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Coal India and the Railways have refused to supply coal till their dues are cleared by the plant;

(d) if so, the details of outstanding dues of Coal India and Railways as on October 31, 1996; and

(e) the steps taken to clear their dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS) has not been receiving the required coal supply commensurate with the power generation capacity.

(c) and (e). Coal India has adopted cash carry scheme for supply of Coal. Railways have also introduced on pre-payment scheme for coal transportation from 1.10.1996. However, due to BTPS's poor financial position due to short payment by DESU, the Railways are transporting coal to BTPS on "to pay basis". As per decision of the Government, Government of Delhi/DESU is to pay in full to BTPS all the current dues for purchase of power w.e.f. 1.1.1997 so as to enable BTPS to make payment for coal supplies and advance payment of freight to the Railways for transportation of coal.

(d) The outstanding amounts payable by BTPS to Coal Companies and Railways as on 31.10.1996, are Rs. 126.90 crores and Rs. 721.81 crores, respectively.

Exploration of Sea Minerals

1788. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have undertaken any comprehensive exploratory work in the ocean bed in order to identify and exploit precious minerals;

(b) if so, the details and the results thereof;

(c) whether the Government is seeking co-operation from other countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. India has been allocated a mine site of 150,000 sq.km. in the Central Indian Ocean Basin. Survey and exploratory work are being carried out in this area in accordance with the stipulations contained in the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Department has already signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pursue the joint collaborative programme in the development of